#### Vision

Success in the advancement of the intellectual, cultural, and social standards of the Egyptian citizen in order to face the challenges of the modern era.

## **Mission**

Raising awareness and development of the cultural, educational, social, health, environmental and economic sectors of all segments of the society including those with special needs, through the optimal use of the Society's resources, capabilities and assets.

#### **Principles & Values**

- Equality in providing outstanding services to all.
- Commitment and dedication in work performance and services provided.
- Impartiality, transparency and credibility in work ethics.
- Creativity and innovation in work processes and services.



### **ESCD Locations**

#### Libraries

- 1. Maadi Public library
- 2. Nasr City Public Library
- 3. Shobra El Khaimah Public Library
- 4. 6th of October Public Library, Agouza
- 5. Khalid Ibn Al Walid Public Library, Imbaba
- 6. Cultural Center Public Library, Heliopolis
- 7. Helwan Children's Library
- 8. Arab Al Mohammady Children's Library, Abbasseya
- 9. Al Salam Children's Library
- 10. Al Fayoum Children's Library

#### **Community Development Centers**

- 1. Helwan Development Center (HDC)
- 2. Ain Shams Culture & Sports Club
- 3. Mansheyat Nasser Development Center

#### **Centers for Children with Special Needs**

- 1. Zeitoun Center for Children with Special Needs
- 2. Helwan Center For Children with Special Needs at HDC



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## **About us**

Egypt's Society for Culture & Development (ESCD) began its activities through the renovation of a primary public school in 1977 in the Boulak District in Cairo and expanded its activities in different areas of the capital. It was registered as a Non-Governmental Orgranisation on October 18th, 1978 license #2511 as Integrated Care Society and was re-launched in 1984, license #131 and since then it has branched out in 14 different locations in the Arab Republic of Egypt providing a varied scope of activities and community services. The society is governed by the Egyptian NGOs law #84, 2002 and operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

Thousands of Egyptians of all ages and from different backgrounds benefit from various ESCD services. Its presence in four Governorates in Egypt: Cairo, Guiza, Fayoum and Qalyoubia provides a cohesive expansion of a multitude of activities and services. ESCD's new vision helps in meeting the growing

and numerous needs of the community as well as the challenges facing Egyptian society in the 21st Century.

#### **Work Domains**

- Culture and Education
- Local Community Development
- Care for Children with Special Needs

# **ESCD Fields of Service**

# 1

## **Culture & Educational Development**

Aims to contribute in supporting Egyptian education and culture by providing the opportunity for all community members to benefit from library services across Egypt's governorates, to elevate the educational, social, cultural, and economic standards of all users by offering the following services that fulfill their needs:

- Education and Training Programs: human development, vocational training, computer and IT services, language courses, arts and painting, music, dance, acting, athletic activities, skills & abilities development for children, etc.
- Information Technology Services: Variety of pertinent information resources and services.
- Cultural and Recreational Programs: workshops, seminars, cultural and artistic programs, motion picture screenings, competitions & contests, artistic exhibitions, hosting school visits & trips, youth & athletic activities.

# Local Community Development

Aims to improve the quality of living standards, economically, socially, environmentally and health wise for underprivileged citizens at various ESCD locations, by offering a variety of activities and services that include:

- Social support services.
- Health and medical services.
- Computer courses and IT services.
- Language courses.
- Literacy & placement classes.
- Remedial classes for school dropouts.
- Academic tutoring classes.
- Vocational training and human development.
- Kindergartens / children's clubs.
- Skills and abilities development for children.
- Children's protection programs.
- Awareness seminars.
- Youth and athletic activities.
- Cultural, artistic and entertainment activities.

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## **Care for Children with Special Needs**

Aims to empower children with special needs to benefit from their right to live under the umbrella of a variety of proper social, medical, educational and cultural services in order to be fully integrated in the Egyptian community by offering a variety of activities and services to children suffering from:

- Down Syndrome.
- Cerebral Palsy.
- Health and medical care: A variety of medical specializations.
- Skills & abilities development for children: early intervention, speech therapy, special education, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy.
- Educational services:
  - Special needs school: KG, primary and special needs programs.
- Vocational and rehabilitation training.
- Cultural, artistic and athletic activities.
- Orientation, awareness, guidance and training workshops for parents of children with special needs.

